



Safety Alert 11-01

Hunting Safety

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Fall hunting season officially began 15 SEP 10 for Archery hunters. Hunting with any type of weapon requires great responsibility and management of risk to ensure you keep yourself and others safe. A few years ago, Fort Leonard Wood lost a Soldier in a hunting accident due to a fall from a tree stand. If a few important hunting safety practices had been followed, he may still be with us.

Please use the safety tips below, as a starting point for hunting safely this season. Before, during, and after hunting, take time to think through all of your actions. Remember that your life and the lives of those around you can depend upon you following the hunting safety rules!

1. Always treat a gun as if it is loaded!
2. Try to steer clear of any area that may have hunters, if you are not hunting.
3. Attend a Hunter's Safety Course even if it is not required where you hunt.
4. Hunt in pairs, and have a First Aid kit available.
- 5 Take a cell phone, and let someone know where you will be and your estimated time of return.
6. Familiarize yourself with your weapon and weapon safety rules before you hunt.
7. Make sure all of your equipment and supplies are in good working condition.
8. Ensure your firearm is properly sighted in.
9. If hunting from a tree stand, always wear a safety harness (full body harness recommended) and ensure the stand is properly attached to the tree.
10. Know Missouri's Purple Paint Statute, to avoid hunting on private property.
11. Scout the area you plan to hunt, to ensure you are not endangering others.
12. Wear Hunter Orange, dress in layers, and stay hydrated .
13. Never hunt while impaired by alcohol or any other means. You must be alert for every situation or hazard.
14. Report observed violations of the law to a conservation agent or local police.
15. Be sure of your target. Never point your weapon at something if you aren't sure it is what you intend to shoot.

Type	Opens	Closes
Deer Archery	15 SEP 2010 24 NOV 2010	12 NOV 2010 15 JAN 2011
Deer Firearms	13 NOV 2010	23 NOV 2010
Deer Antler-less	24 NOV 2010	05 DEC 2010
Deer Muzzleloader	18 DEC 2010	28 DEC 2010
Turkey Firearms	01 OCT 2010	31 OCT 2010
Deer Archery	15 SEP 2010	12 NOV 2010

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